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REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed June 5, 2006. Claims 1-11, 20-32, 34-37, 39-46, 48-51 and 53-60 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-11, 20-32, 34-37, 39-46, 48-51 and 53-60. Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

I. Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

1. Claims 1-6, 9-11, 20-32, 34, 37, 39-46, 48, 51 and 53-60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iyer (2001/0037367), in view of Yamamoto (2003/0037110) and Yasue (2003/0009525).

The conversation discussed in the present application is an entirely different concept from the conversation disclosed in Iyer, Yamamoto and Yasue. As Applicant stated in the Response filed on March 15, 2006, the present invention teaches conversations between computer processes running on computer devices in the context of business applications, which as understood by one of ordinary skill in the art, is fundamentally different from conversations between/among or initiated by **humans** - owners, users, or customers as in Iyer, Yamamoto and Yasue. Therefore, Iyer in view of Yamamoto and Yasue cannot render independent claims 1, 10, 29, 30, 43, 44, 57 and 58 obvious. Since claims 5-6 and 9 depend on claim 1, claims 11, 20-28 depend on claim 10, claims 31, 32, 34, 37, 39-42 depend on claim 29, claims 45, 46, 48 and 51-56 depend on claim 43, claims 1-6, 9-11, 20-32, 34, 37, 39-46, 48 and 51-58 cannot be rendered obvious by Iyer in view of Yamamoto and Yasue under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for at least this reason, and Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection with respect to these claims be withdrawn.

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2. Claims 7, 8, 17, 18, 35, 36, 49 and 50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iyer, Yamamoto, Yasue, further in view of Eide et al. (2004/0078455).

Eide does not teach a conversation between processes as claimed by the present invention. As discussed above, Iyer, Yamamoto and Yasue cannot anticipate a conversation between processes either. Since claims 7 and 8 depend on claim 1, claims 17 and 18 depend on claim 10, claims 35 and 36 depend on claim 29, and claims 49 and 50 depend on claim 43, Iyer in view of Yamamoto, Yasue, further in view of Eide cannot render the present invention in claims 7, 8, 17, 18, 35, 36, 49 and 50 obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for at least this reason, and Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection with respect to these claims be withdrawn.

II. Conclusion

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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